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SUBJECT: INCENDIARY DEVICE AT INTOURIST NEW YORK

REF: A. STATE 172951, B. STATE 173466, C. USUN 2845

1. UNDATED SOVIET EMBASSY PROTEST NOTE SENT BY MESSENGER
JULY 10 FOLLOWS:

2. "THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
INFORMS THE US DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF THE FACT THAT ON
JULY 10, 1978, AT 9:40 A.M. IN THE HALLWAY OF ONE OF THE
OFFICES OCCUPIED BY THE INTOURIST AGENCY AT 630 FIFTH
AVENUE, ROCKEFELLER PLAZA (8TH FLOOR) IN NEW YORK, UNKNOWN
INDIVIDUALS EXPLODED A BOMB. FIVE MINUTES EARLIER THE
INTOURIST AGENCY RECEIVED SEVERAL ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALLS
WITH THREATS OF THE IMMINENT EXPLOSION. IT IS ONLY BY A
LUCKY CHANCE THAT THERE WERE NO VICTIMS.

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3. "THE EMBASSY LODGES A RESOLUTE PROTEST WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE CONCERNING THIS TERRORIST ACT WHICH COULD TAKE PLACE ONLY AS A RESULT OF THE LAXITY OF US OFFICIAL AUTHORITIES THAT ARE WELL INFORMED ABOUT PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS COUNTRY, WHO NOT ONLY FORMULATE CONSTANT THREATS AGAINST SOVIET AGENCIES, BUT HAVE FREQUENTLY CARRIED OUT

SIMILAR ACTS IN THE PAST.

4. "THE EMBASSY INSISTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AT
ONCE TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO PROTECT SOVIET AGENCIES
AND CITIZENS FROM TERRORIST ATTACKS AND IDENTIFY AND
PUNISH THE INDIVIDUALS GUILTY OF THESE ATTACKS."

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